



Insights

SUMMER 2022

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Citizen Task Force Devoted to Street Repair Strategy Presents its Findings

The City of IGH is committed to improving the condition of streets citywide. In 2021, as part of a broad Pavement Management Initiative, the City created a task force to study and make recommendations on how street projects can be best selected, carried out and paid for in IGH.

On June 13, after nearly a year of study and evaluation, the IGH Pavement Management Initiative Citizen Task Force (CTF), led by chairperson and IGH resident Kelly Kayser, presented its findings to the City Council. The 35-page final report, which can be viewed on the City website at www.ighmn.gov/pavement, is a comprehensive analysis of street repair needs in IGH, including project solutions, funding and financing options, communications strategies, and measures of success. Below is a summary of key findings:

Raising Road Quality Citywide

The CTF's consensus is that residents want their community to have better streets overall, and want to see improvements made throughout the City road system. Past practices for street repair in IGH often focused too heavily on costly, full reconstruction of a small number of failing streets, instead of simpler and less expensive repair strategies spread across more miles to improve road condition and the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating citywide.

This paradigm shift would focus efforts on more cost-effective road repairs—such as mill and overlay and broad-area patch projects—on a citywide basis. This allows for curbs, gutters and existing utilities to remain in place while the roadway is rehabilitated at a lower cost to the City and property owners. (See explanation of terms on page 2.)

Effective Project Selection and Funding Strategies

The selection process for street repair going forward should be data-driven, the CTF recommended. Project selection

should be based on analysis of road conditions (PCI ratings) and project costs, instead of prioritizing projects by petition. Furthermore, the funding of street repairs needs to align closely with long-term City funding strategies, like the IGH five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and with review by the City Council and input from residents and property owners. Consistency, fairness and transparency in financing will be paramount, with street assessments made after a project is complete, based on actual costs and kept below a maximum rate.



New approach would focus efforts on more cost-effective road repairs on a citywide basis.

Early and Open Communication

Residents want to be the first to know about street projects that might impact their neighborhood. City staff are working on ways to plan for street projects at least 18-months in advance and to consistently inform property owners of project scope, cost and progress. Additionally, accurate and reliable project updates need to be available on an ongoing basis. During the time leading up to construction, the City will look to gain input from residents on traffic and other roadway concerns within a project area, so that street

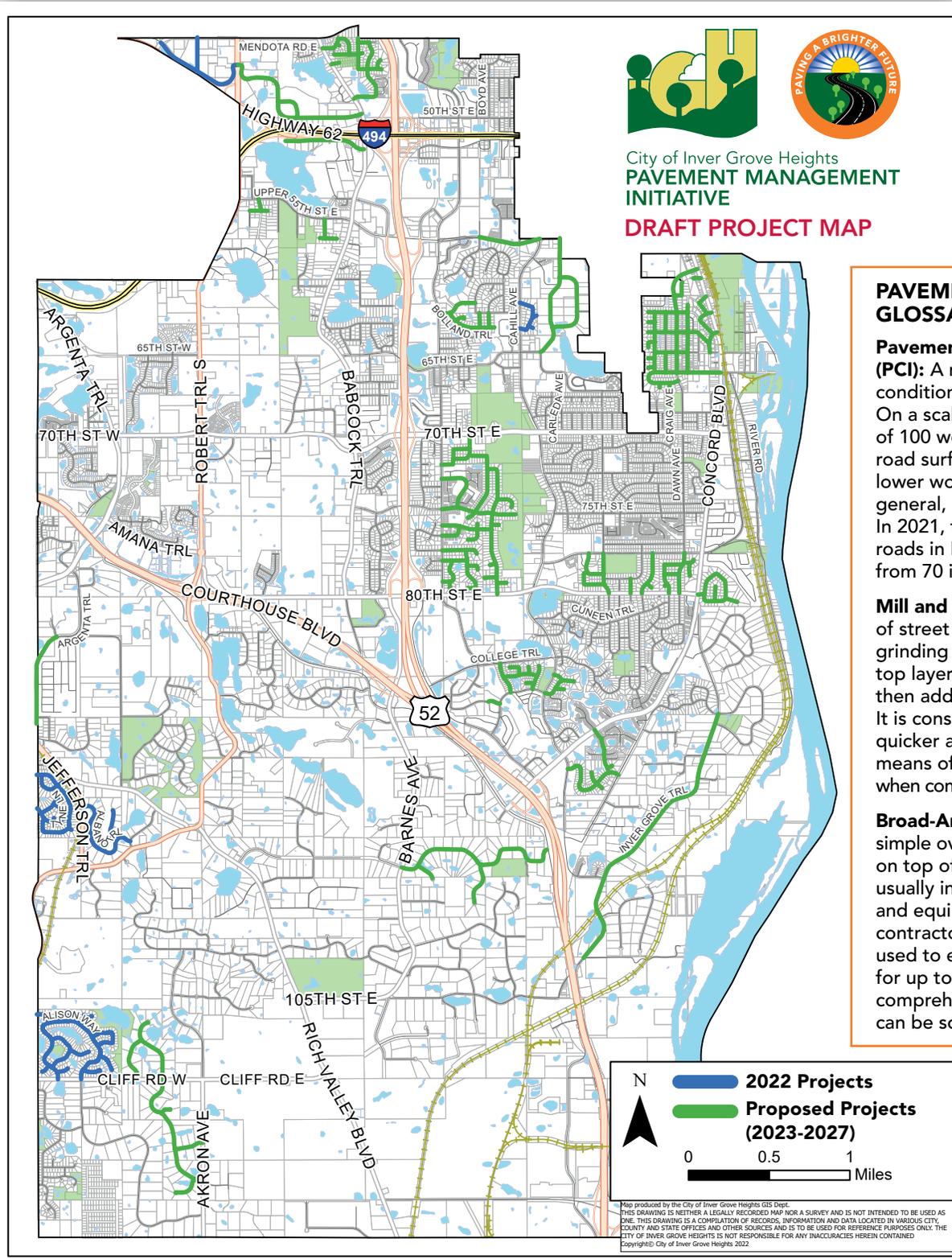
repair projects might also allow for the integration of traffic-calming strategies, such as narrowing roadways or creating crosswalks, where appropriate.

Paving a Brighter Future

The quality of our roads affects the quality of life in our community, and the funding and street repair recommendations outlined in the Pavement Management Initiative Citizen Task Force report will benefit residents, businesses and visitors to IGH for years to come. There is a lot of road work to be done in IGH, and with the CTF report, the City now has a clear, effective strategy for improving our streets. Thank you to the CTF for its efforts and for paving the way to a brighter future for the City.

Learn more at www.ighmn.gov/pavement.

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PAVEMENT REPAIR GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Pavement Condition Index (PCI): A rating system for the condition of a segment of road. On a scale of 0 to 100, a rating of 100 would indicate a perfect road surface. A rating of 50 or lower would indicate that, in general, a road needs repair. In 2021, the average PCI of roads in IGH was 60, down from 70 in 2020.

Mill and Overlay: A method of street repair that involves grinding off and recycling the top layer of blacktop on a road, then adding a new surface layer. It is considered a cost-effective, quicker and less disruptive means of raising a road's PCI when compared to other methods.

Broad-Area Patch (BAP): A simple overlay of new pavement on top of existing pavement, usually installed by City crews and equipment rather than a contractor. This approach is used to extend pavement life for up to 10 years until a more comprehensive rehabilitation can be scheduled or performed.

Don't see your neighborhood on the project map? Don't panic! The City has 50 miles of roadway in need of repair and is actively reviewing and adjusting the list of streets and project types as the Pavement Management Initiative progresses. If you are concerned about the street condition in your neighborhood, we would like to hear from you! Here are steps that you can take:

- Email our Public Works department at pavement@ighmn.gov with your street address and concern.
- Check our website for news on public meetings related to proposed street projects: www.ighmn.gov/pavement.



Recreational Fires

For many people, sitting around a crackling fire is an enjoyable way to spend an evening. However, recreational fire mishaps can and do cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents from happening to your family and friends:

- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids on or near fires.
- Keep a kid-free zone of three feet around the fire.
- All fire rings must be 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material. Anything that could cause the fire to spread, like leaves, brush, or prairie grass, should be removed before burning.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby to put out a fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Check burning restrictions before starting your fire at www.dnr.state.mn.us.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll. Stop; do not run. Drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

Recreational Fire Permits

The safety tips above are just a few ways to help keep you and others safe, but you will still need to read and abide by the IGH Policy for Recreational Fires provided when you apply for a fire permit. Here is a guide to the policy:

- Recreational fires that are not in a permanent fire ring require a permit. There is also a \$15 fee charged for each occurrence of a recreational fire that is not in a permanent fire ring.
- The construction and use of a properly built permanent fire ring require a permit and a one-time fee of \$25.
- The size of a fire ring should be no more than three-feet in diameter, with a two-foot flame height. Any fire larger than that requires a different permit.
- A recreational fire is for the burning of clean, dry wood only. It is not for rubbish, treated lumber, leaves or other vegetation.

Please contact the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department at **651-455-5082** with any questions about fire permits and fire ring requirements or visit www.ighmn.gov/fire for more information on how to apply.

GIS CORNER

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Following the 2020 Census, states began the process of redistricting their congressional and legislative boundaries based on population changes. After that, cities, including IGH, updated their polling precincts.

As a rule, City precincts must be created so that they do not cross boundaries made at the state level, or any school district boundaries. Efforts are also made to maintain an equal population in each precinct. City GIS staff members contribute to this process by mapping current Census data and boundary information.

With the growth of Inver Grove Heights, and projected future growth as development continues, the City has added two new precincts and, therefore, two new polling locations, giving IGH a total of 12. Additionally, some polling places were relocated from where they were during the last election. While you may be in the same precinct as the last time you voted, be sure to check that your polling location hasn't changed! An updated Polling Place Map can be found at www.ighmn.gov/maps.

Almost Like Being on the Greens

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE STORY MAP

The website for Inver Wood Golf Course now offers a virtual tour of its Championship Course! The course Story Map lets you scroll through all 18 holes and provides access to professional tips, an aerial view of the course, and a drone flyover of the path to each hole. The tips and drone footage are intended to help golfers visualize how they would play the course. Make sure to check it out before making your next tee time! You can also visit the Inver Wood website for a live video feed of the 18th hole at www.inverwood.org.



IGH PD Wants to Help Prevent Animal Bites

Officer Ryan Rose and his K-9 Partner Chase want to provide some information on dog bites and some useful tips on animal bite prevention.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year in the United States, and more than 800,000 receive medical attention for dog bites.

Any dog can bite: big or small, male or female, young or old. Even the cuddliest, fuzziest, sweetest pet can bite if provoked. Remember, it is not a dog's breed that determines whether it will bite, but rather the dog's individual history and behavior.

Here are some helpful tips for animal bite prevention.

- Dog owners should **always use a leash** when in public.
- **Don't approach a strange dog**, especially on or near its territory.
- **Always ask a dog owner** if it is okay to pet their dog. Never assume it is okay.
- Try to **avoid eye contact**; some dogs will perceive it as a challenge and may react aggressively.
- **Don't run** if threatened by a dog. **Back away slowly.**
 - If a dog moves toward you, stop and wait before backing away again.
 - Use a large object to put between you and the dog, such as a bike or a garbage container.
 - If you cannot find an object to put between you and the dog, grab an object that the dog can be allowed to bite, such as a coat or stick.
- If you can't avoid an attack, and the dog puts you off your feet, **roll into a ball and protect your head** with clenched fists.
- **Don't leave young children unattended** with dogs.
- If your dog growls or snaps at friends or family members, it may be trying to establish dominance and may bite next time. **See a veterinarian** or other professional about correcting this behavior.
- **Use extreme caution** when attempting to help an injured animal. If it is not your own, call the police for assistance.
- **Use caution when approaching animals that are eating or have a litter of puppies.**
- **Don't try to pick up or handle strange cats**, no matter how friendly they look.
- **Don't attempt to handle wild animals.** Most will bite.
- **Report all animal bites** and loose or aggressive dogs to the Inver Grove Heights Police by calling 911.



The Inver Grove Heights Police Department is responsible for the oversight, registration, enforcement, and regulation of bowhunting within City limits. Beginning in 2020, IGH PD staff gathered feedback from residents and have been working with the City Council to discuss potential changes to the City ordinance governing bowhunting: Section 5-6-1(C). At the May 2022 Council Work Session, IGH PD staff asked the Council to provide direction on what changes, if any, should be made.

The first of three proposed ordinance readings took place at the June 13 City Council Meeting, where guidance was given by Councilmembers, and the public had opportunities to provide feedback. The second reading of the proposed bowhunting ordinance change is scheduled for the July 25 City Council Meeting, and the third and final reading is scheduled for the August 8 meeting. To learn more about the current ordinance and bowhunting rules in IGH, you can visit www.ighmn.gov/animalcontrol.

Night to Unite in IGH!

Tuesday, Aug. 2

NIGHT to UNITE!
Neighbors Joining Together

STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOODS *PROMOTE SAFE COMMUNITIES*

www.ighmn.gov/NightToUnite

SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE OR DEVICE TO BRING YOU DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE.

July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 IGH FOOD TRUCK DAYS THURSDAY, JULY 21 4:30-7 P.M. Rich Valley Athletic Complex 					1	2
3 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY IGH City Offices and VMCC Closed	5 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	6	7	8	9
10 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	11 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	12 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	13 LMRWMO 3 p.m. VMCC Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. PARK TOUR	14	15	16
17 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	18 CC Work Session* 6 p.m. City Hall <i>*moved due to Independence Day</i>	19 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park Planning Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	20	21 IGH Food Truck Days 4:30-7 p.m. Rich Valley	22	23
24 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	25 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	26 Terrific Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. South Valley Park	27	28 Environmental Commission* 7 p.m. City Hall <i>*as needed, cancelled if no agenda items.</i>	29	30
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS



KEY

- City Council (CC)
- City Advisory Commissions
- Parks & Recreation Events (P&R)
- Watershed Management Organization (WMO)
- Other Events

Join Your Neighbors to Keep Food Scraps Out of the Trash

The No. 1 item in our trash is food, and it's finding its way to the landfill. That's why nearly 8,000 Dakota County households have registered to participate in the free organics drop-off program. Across all eight locations, more than 10,000 pounds of food scraps and other compostable products are collected each week.

Bringing organics to a drop-off site is easy and can dramatically reduce waste. The typical household can divert up to one-third of trash by delivering items such as food scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds and bones. Instead of sitting in a landfill, this material is turned into compost—a nutrient-rich soil additive—used in gardening and landscaping.

Sites are located throughout the county—Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount and West St. Paul—with more sites opening this year.

To sign up, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search *organics*, email organics@co.dakota.mn.us or call 952-891-7557. All registered participants receive helpful tips and compostable bags to use at home.

Partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.



August 2022

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
For more information, visit www.ighmn.gov/NightToUnite or scan:



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Watershed Management Organization (WMO)

Other Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Econ. Dev. Authority 5 p.m. City Hall CC Work Session 6 p.m. City Hall	2 NIGHT TO UNITE	3 Planning Commission* 7 p.m. City Hall * moved from Aug. 2	4 Grow Solar's Solar Power Hour 6:30-7:30 p.m. City Hall	5	6
7 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	8 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	9 STATE PRIMARY	10 LMRWMO 3 p.m. West St. Paul City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	11	12	13
14 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	15	16 Eagan-IGH WMO 5:30 p.m. Eagan Maint. Facility Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	17	18 IGH Food Truck Days 4:30-7 p.m. Rich Valley	19	20
21 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	22 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	23 Vista Pines Park Grand Opening 6-7:30 p.m. 7500 Argenta Court	24	25 Environmental Commission* 7 p.m. City Hall *as needed, cancelled if no agenda items.	26	27
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GRAND OPENING
VISTA PINES PARK

Trails
Playground
Bike skills course
Nature play area
Basketball court

Tuesday, August 23
6-7:30 p.m.
★ SNACKS & BEVERAGES PROVIDED

Ribbon Cutting Event
6:30 p.m.

AT 7500 ARGENTA COURT
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE NEWEST PARK IN INVER GROVE HEIGHTS!

September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 8 A.M.–12 P.M. Public Works Facility (8168 Barbara Avenue) For details, visit www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents				1	2	3
4 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	5 LABOR DAY IGH City Offices Closed VMCC Closed	6 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	7 IGH Days Food Fest 5:30-8 p.m. VMCC	8	9	10 (See ad below) Pickleball Tourn. 9 a.m. Disc Golf Tourn. 2 p.m. Bike the Bridges 3 p.m.
11 PATRIOT DAY Farmers' Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot Business Expo & Kids Court 11 a.m.–3 p.m.	12 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	13	14 LMRWMO 3 p.m. West St. Paul City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall	15	16	17 Harmon Farms Trail Run 5 & 10 mile runs 8 a.m. Harmon Park Reserve
18 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	19 CC Work Session* 6 p.m. City Hall <i>*moved due to Labor Day</i>	20 Planning Commission 7 p.m. City Hall	21	22 Environmental Commission* 7 p.m. City Hall <i>*as needed, cancelled if no agenda items.</i>	23	24 ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY 8 a.m.–12 p.m. IGH Public Works Facility (see pg. 9)
25 Saint Paul Farmers' Market 8 a.m.–1 p.m. VMCC Parking Lot	26 CC 6 p.m. City Hall	27	28	29	30	

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Sept. 20-30
Personal Training Fall Fitness SPECIAL
 Save \$10
 Purchase up to nine 60-minute sessions for \$55 Member or \$65 Non-member
 Use Code "PT SPECIAL"
ighmn.gov/personaltraining

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SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2022
Inver Grove Heights Days
www.ighmn.gov/ighdays

Wed., Sept. 7
 IGH Days Food Fest
 5:30-8 p.m.
 VMCC Parking Lot

Sat., Sept. 10
 Pickleball Tournament
 9 a.m.
 North Valley Park

Sun., Sept. 11
 Farmers Market
 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
 VMCC

Business Expo & Kids Court
 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Cahill Avenue

Disc Golf Tournament
 2 p.m.
 North Valley Disc Golf Course

Bike the Bridges
 3 p.m.
 Swing Bridge Park

Late Fees Resuming on Overdue Utility Bills

To assist residents facing financial hardship during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City paused late fees on utility bills in 2020 and 2021. This year, in keeping with the practices of neighboring cities, IGH will be reinstating late fees on unpaid utility bills for residential and business accounts beginning in October. Please settle any outstanding balances with the City as quickly as possible.

Overdue Balance?

Please pay at City Hall during business hours (8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday) or visit www.ighmn.gov/billpay

Do You Need Assistance Paying Your Bill?

View resources at: www.ighmn.gov/billassistance

Questions?

Contact Utility Billing at 651-450-2500 or utilitybilling@ighmn.gov

VMCC MEMBERSHIP JOIN NOW & START MOVING!

FALL MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL:

Pay no enrollment fee
September 1–October 15, 2022!

ighmn.gov/communitycenter



INVER GROVE HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION



LEARN TO SKATE

Summer Jump Start session begins August 9
Fall session begins late October



YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AGES 5-9

STARTS AUG. 16 & 18



ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Wishing you could get together with friends more often? Fall leagues start in September!



IGH FOOD TRUCK DAYS

Thursdays · July 21 & Aug. 18 · 4:30–7 p.m.
RICH VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Wed., Sept. 7 · 5:30–8 p.m. · VMCC Parking Lot



Harmon Farms TRAIL RUN Sept. 17

5 & 10 mile runs
ighmn.gov/harmonfarmrun

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS DAYS SEPTEMBER 7-11



IGH DAYS FOOD FEST



DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



BIKE THE BRIDGES



FARMERS MARKET

BUSINESS EXPO & KIDS COURT



ighmn.gov/ighdays



PERSONAL TRAINING FITNESS SPECIAL

Curious about working with a personal trainer? We are offering reduced session pricing during our fall sale Sept. 20-30!

OCTOBER SPECIALEVENTS!

- Oct. 1: Halloween Dog Party
- Oct. 8: Healthy Living Fair
- Oct. 28: Ghostly Gathering
- Oct. 29: Scary Skate
- Oct. 1–31: WALKtober Challenge



Senior Club Luncheons (Members only)

July 18
August 15
September 1

Registration required:
call 651-450-2480

IGH SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES AT THE VMCC · OPEN TO ALL AGES 55+

No registration required for these fun activities!

500 · Mondays · 1 p.m. (except the third Monday of the month)

PENNY BINGO · 1 p.m.
Third Tuesday of the Month

HAND & FOOT · Wednesdays · 9 a.m. (except the second Wed. of the month)

BRIDGE · Wednesdays · 12:30 p.m.

EUCHRE · Thursdays · 1 p.m.

CRIBBAGE · Fridays · 1 p.m.



WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM! ighmn.gov/jobs



Join in the FUN! Register by PHONE 651-450-2480 or ONLINE at ighmn.gov/register



Annual Clean-Up Day & Year-Round Disposal Options

Need to dispose of an item? Take advantage of local disposal opportunities!



REDUCE & REUSE MAP. Is your item in good condition? Try to donate or sell it before recycling or throwing it away. Visit www.dakotacounty.us, and search *reuse map* to find the closest places to donate gently used items. You can also use online platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and Nextdoor to give away or sell items to your neighbors.



ONLINE RECYCLING GUIDE. Use the online Recycling Guide to find where to recycle and dispose of items locally and year-round. Search by item at www.ighmn.gov/recycle.



THE RECYCLING ZONE. Only a short drive from IGH, The Recycling Zone (3365 Dodd Road, Eagan) is a special collection facility open year-round that offers subsidized disposal opportunities. Dispose of household hazardous waste, most electronics, scrap metal, cardboard and more for **FREE**. Tires, TVs and computer monitors have a small fee. Visit www.dakotacounty.us, and search *The Recycling Zone* for a full list of accepted items, prices and hours of operation.



ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY. Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. at the IGH Public Works Facility (8168 Barbara Avenue). Annual Clean-Up Day is a one-stop-shop disposal event for residents. Cash and check payment only; please bring small bills. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

✔ **Accepted Items:** Residents may pay to dispose of items at Clean-Up Day, such as mattresses, box springs, appliances, electronics, furniture, rimmed tires, and more. Select items are free to recycle at Clean-Up Day, such as bikes, rimless tires, and confidential paper for secure on-site shredding. Find the event's full list of accepted items and prices at www.ighmn.gov/collectionevents.

✘ **NOT Accepted:** Household hazardous waste (including paint and chemicals) and construction and demolition debris (concrete, insulation, asphalt, lumber, shingles, etc.) are **NOT** accepted at Clean-Up Day. Search the Recycling Guide for disposal options at www.ighmn.gov/recycle.



ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL QUESTIONS? Contact Ally Sutherland at asutherland@ighmn.gov or 651-604-8511.

GROW SOLAR EVENT IS COMING TO IGH

Thinking about adding solar to your home or small business? Join us at Grow Solar's Solar Power Hour on **Thursday, August 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m.** at IGH City Hall Council Chambers. You'll learn from experts about the basics of solar energy, its financial benefits, and if solar panels are right for you. Grow Solar offers group-buy options to make going solar more affordable for Twin Cities communities. Attendees are also eligible for a free, no-obligation solar site assessment and cost estimate. Email asutherland@ighmn.gov to register for the **FREE** event.

Not ready to install your own solar panels? You can also support renewable energy without the equipment costs by subscribing to utility programs and community solar gardens. Find more information at www.ighmn.gov/energy.





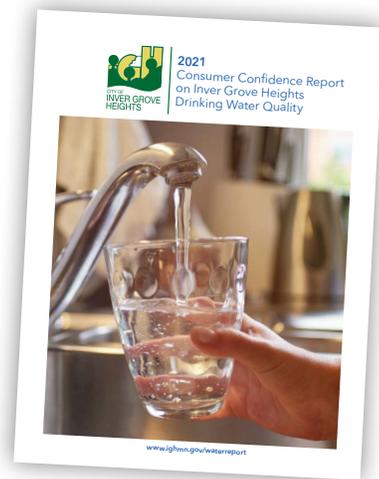
2021 Drinking Water Quality Report Now Available

(Spoiler Alert: IGH Passed Inspection)

Each year, the City releases a Drinking Water Quality Report. The purpose of this report is to provide information on City water quality, suggestions for saving money on your water bill and tips for protecting precious water resources.

The 2021 Water Report is now available on the City's website, or you may request a hard copy by calling the IGH Utilities Division at **651-450-4309**. To view the report and learn more about how this division strives to provide safe and reliable water that meets or exceeds federal and state quality requirements, visit www.ighmn.gov/WaterReport.

www.ighmn.gov/WaterReport



Information on Peddler and Solicitor Background Checks

Summer often brings an increase in people selling door-to-door in residential neighborhoods.

Residents should be aware of what the City of IGH does and does not do regarding the regulation of this activity. Peddlers, defined as those who sell items that are carried with them and delivered at the time of sale, must obtain a license from the City. This process includes a background check of the individuals going door-to-door. Solicitors, defined as those who take orders for items to be delivered at a later date, must only register with the City and are **NOT** subject to background checks. This difference is due to court rulings, which limit the authority of local governments in matters involving interstate commerce.

Furthermore, the City does not require a license or registration for people going door-to-door for nonprofit fundraising or for political activity.

The IGH Police Department urges residents to use extreme caution when interacting with peddlers, solicitors and any unknown person at your door. If you do not wish peddlers or solicitors to approach your home, consider posting a sign that says, "no soliciting or peddling" in a front window, or on your front door.



Congratulations and thank you to our 2022 appointees! We appreciate your time, effort and commitment to Inver Grove Heights and look forward to working with you.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Brian Barner
Nichole Boehmke
Sarah Brass
Sara Goodman*
Todd Kruse
Larry Moehring
Nicholas Ruiz*
Kevin Sethre*
Ted Trenzeluk

PARKS & RECREATION

Niki Barker
Sandra Christensen
Steve Cook
Curt Ellingboe
Wilfred Krech

PARKS & RECREATION, CONT.

Kari Miller
Elaine Prickel
William Skar*
Benjamin Stone*

PLANNING

Jaime Besser*
Kate Challeen
Scott Clancy
Robert Heidenreich
Elizabeth Niemioja
Joan Robertson
Anthony Scales
Jonathan Weber
Dennis Wipperman

* Indicates new appointee in 2022.

It's easy to follow the important work of the City's advisory commissions! Visit www.ighmn.gov/commissions to:

- Link to commission meeting times and agendas
- Learn when to watch meetings on your local cable channels
- Find where to stream online at townsquare.tv



2022 Voting Updates

Early voting for the 2022 Primary Election began Friday, June 24 and continues through Monday, August 8. Voters may vote by absentee ballot at City Hall during regular business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) or visit www.ighmn.gov/elections to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to them before August 8. Please note that absentee ballots mailed to a voter must be returned via U.S. mail or brought into City Hall during regular business hours. The 24-hour ballot drop box that was in place for the 2020 election will **NOT** be offered for the 2022 election cycle. However, City Hall will remain open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 and Thursday, August 4 for in-person ballot drop off. If mailed back, completed absentee ballots must be received (not postmarked) by Tuesday, August 9. If dropped off during normal business hours, ballots must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9.

Additionally, for those unable to come inside City Hall for early voting, or into their polling place on Election Day due to mobility limitations or other issues, the City offers curbside voting and agent delivery. For more information on these options, please visit www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/ or call the Election’s Office at **651-450-2463**.

More information about elections and voting can be found at www.ighmn.gov/elections.

HELP MAINTAIN CITY WATER RESERVES THIS SUMMER

To encourage water conservation, maintain adequate water pressure throughout the City system, and ensure that fire-fighting water reserves remain high, IGH asks you to restrict both the day and time that you water your lawn this summer. Please visit www.ighmn.gov/watering to learn easy rules to follow, including even- and odd-numbered street address watering days.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Minnesota Statute 471.701 requires cities with a population greater than 15,000 to notify residents annually of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees. Here is that list for IGH:

- City Administrator, \$172,000
- Police Chief, \$160,139
- Fire Chief, \$160,139

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

OPEN NOW
Liz’s Tienda Vaquera
3054 65th St. E.
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Liz’s Tienda Vaquera is a new clothing boutique that opened on 65th St. E. just off Cahill Ave. this past spring. Liz’s offers western-style clothing and unique accessories, including sandals, boots, belts, buckles, hats, and leather wallets for men, women and kids. Their social media pages feature the latest pieces added to their collection along with upcoming specials and events. Please join us in welcoming Liz’s Tienda Vaquera to the IGH community!

Says owner Liz Sanchez, “As a first-generation Mexican American daughter, finishing high school was a huge accomplishment in my family, but I knew I wanted more for myself. Knowing I had plenty of resources, I attended college. This year, I received my associate’s degree in accounting. Having a college-level education and watching how successful my parents have become with their business are what motivated me to open Liz’s Tienda Vaquera. IGH has shown so much love and support for my parents’ restaurant, Taqueria El Girasol, and I felt it was the perfect community for starting my clothing boutique.”

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SIMpLEY Nutrition is a health food store serving meal replacement shakes and energy teas. Its menu offers a variety of flavors with a featured shake each month, as well as customer appreciation days for local sports teams. The focus of SIMpLEY Nutrition is to make the IGH community a healthy and happier place. SIMpLEY Nutrition also participates in local events, such as the IGH Parks & Recreation Healthy Living Fair.

Says SIMpLEY Nutrition owner Mark Angstman, “I used to deliver energy drinks and noticed how unhealthy they are for you, so my teas have the same caffeine that they do, but no sugar or carbs. I grew up in South St. Paul and have family who reside in Inver Grove Heights. I decided to open in Inver Grove Heights because it is a great community and is growing, so I loved the idea of being a part of that.”

Insights

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WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any comments, give us a call at 651-450-2500.

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City Partners with ISD 199 SPARC to Bring Awareness to the Problem of Drug and Alcohol Use Among Teens in IGH

Independent School District 199 recently applied for and received a five-year grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services to start a community- and school-district-focused, anti-drug and alcohol abuse initiative. Last November, ISD 199 launched the Spartan Prevention, Advocacy, and Resource Coalition (SPARC), which is made up of parents, community members, and business partners in IGH. The goal of SPARC and its coalition members is to connect the community with information and resources to reduce drug and alcohol use among IGH youth.

Inver Grove Heights Police Officer Tyler Nelson, who has served as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Simley High School for the last three years, is involved with the SPARC program and acts as a bridge between program leaders, school district administrators, and the IGH Police Department. Officer Nelson has experienced firsthand how important drug and alcohol awareness is, especially for teenagers.

"As a school resource officer, I have witnessed teens who have abused substances, and I have seen many students become aware of their addictions and stop their usage. In many cases, I have seen their level of success in school increase dramatically, and their overall mood and mental health improve," said Officer Nelson. "As police officers, we would much rather help lead teens away from illegal activities before they start than have to enforce laws after the fact."

The City is also partnering with SPARC through the IGH Parks & Recreation Department. City staff meets monthly with SPARC coalition members to discuss ways to support the SPARC message: helping children make positive choices for their

futures. The Parks and Recreation department will advocate for healthy and safe places for youth residents to gather and have fun and collaborate through events, programs and youth activities that the City provides.

To learn more about how you can support SPARC and advocate for IGH youth, visit www.IGHSPARC.org.

IGH SPARC

FACT: MOST Simley & IGH Middle School students **DON'T** vape, drink alcohol, or use marijuana.

Join the Spartan Prevention, Advocacy, and Resource Coalition (SPARC) to help even more Inver Grove Heights youth make positive choices for their futures and the future of our community. Visit www.IGHSPARC.org to sign up and learn more.

Data based on the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey of 504 IGHMS 8th graders and Simley 9th and 11th graders. Funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division.